

## Message Text

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MOPS,PORG RH ZA  
SUBJ: RHODESIAN ATTACK: FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON CASUALTIES

REF: LUSAKA 740

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS ZAMBIAN FOREIGN  
MINISTER MWALE, IN COMMENTS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR  
THE UN, SAID THAT RHODESIAN FORCES HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM  
THE LUANGWA (FEIRA) AREA. HE SAID THEY WERE STILL  
ATTEMPTING TO CROSS THE ZAMBEZI BUT WERE BEING REPULSED  
BY ZAMBIAN TROOPS. MWALE ALSO SAID THAT HE WANTED TO  
CORRECT ERRONEOUS REPORTS ON CASUALTIES SUFFERED IN THE  
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ATTACKS AND STATED THAT FIVE ZAMBIAN SOLDIERS AND 20  
CIVILIANS WERE WOUNDED.

2. MWALE SAID THAT RHODESIAN CLAIMS THAT THEY WERE PURSUING  
FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE "BLATANT LIES." HE TOLD THE PRESS,  
"FROM OUR INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, THE REBELS HAD PLANNED THE  
RAID SO THAT IT COINCIDES WITH THE UN DEBATE OVER THE

RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT," IN ORDER TO DISTRACT ATTENTION.  
WARNING THAT ZAMBIA WOULD DEFEND ITSELF AND HIT BACK HARD,  
MWALE SAID THAT IF THE SITUATION GOT OUT OF HAND ZAMBIA  
WOULD CALL ON FRIENDLY COUNTRIES FOR MATERIAL ASSISTANCE.

3. COMMENT: ON THE QUESTION OF ZAMBIAN CASUALTIES, USUALLY  
RELIABLE JOURNALIST SOURCES CONFIRM THAT THERE WERE ZAMBIAN  
SOLDIERS KILLED IN THE ATTACK, BUT THEY PUT THE NUMBER IN  
THE TEENS. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS CIRCULATING THAT  
SOME CIVILIANS WERE KILLED.  
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